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For: **DYNAMIC PRESSURE BEARING DEVICE, SPINDLE MOTOR, DISK  
DRIVE DEVICE, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DYNAMIC  
PRESSURE BEARING DEVICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: